



MINUTES

Special Meeting

Reno City Council

Friday, February 20, 2015 • 3:30 PM

Reno City Council Chamber, One East First Street, Reno, NV 89501

Hillary Schieve, Mayor

Council Members:

Ward 1 – Jenny Brekhus

Ward 4 – Paul McKenzie

Ward 2 – Naomi Duerr

Ward 5 – Neoma Jardon

Ward 3 – Oscar Delgado

At-Large – David Bobzien

Agenda Items

1 Pledge of Allegiance

2 Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Hillary Schieve	Mayor	Present	
Jenny Brekhus	Councilmember	Present	
Naomi Duerr	Councilmember	Present	
Oscar Delgado	Councilmember	Present	
Paul McKenzie	Councilmember	Present	
Neoma Jardon	Councilmember	Present	
David Bobzien	Councilmember	Present	
Andrew Clinger	City Manager	Present	

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 PM.

3 Public Comment

Jeff Church, renocop@earthlink.net, discussed public safety and legislative issues.

Tom Dunn, 390 Kirman Avenue, Vice president of the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local #731, discussed their opposition to Senate Bill (SB) 153 and Assembly Bill (AB) 182.

4 Approval of the Agenda (For Possible Action) - February 20, 2015.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Oscar Delgado, Councilmember
AYES:	Schieve, Brekhus, Duerr, Delgado, McKenzie, Jardon, Bobzien

- 5 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Discussion and potential approval of the Legislative Operations Plan for the 2015 Legislative Session. 3:53 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council approval of the Legislative Operations Plan for the 2015 Legislative Session.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve the staff recommendation.

Scott Gilles, Legislative Relations Program Manager, requested approval of the 2015 Legislative Operations Plan.

The Council approved the 2015 Legislative Operations Plan.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Paul McKenzie, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Jenny Brekhus, Councilmember
AYES:	Schieve, Brekhus, Duerr, Delgado, McKenzie, Jardon, Bobzien

- 6 **Update, discussion and potential direction to staff regarding the 2015 Session of the Nevada Legislature. (For Possible Action)**

Scott Gilles, Legislative Relations Program Manager, discussed the status of Senate Bill (SB) 56, the City of Reno's graffiti bill, and at least one committee member's concerns regarding the definition of graffiti element and how it might affect interactions between police officers and suspected offenders who might be minors.

Mr. Gilles said that a meeting of the City's Charter Committee has been scheduled to discuss the changes made by the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) to Assembly Bill (AB) 88, the Charter Bill. Work is still in progress on SB11, the Home Rule Bill; and AB25, the Residential Construction Tax (RCT) Bill.

Mr. Gilles discussed opposition to AB3, a Bill that would restructure the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) Governing Board by removing one position currently held by a State employee vested with 10 years in the PERS system and replacing that person with three individuals who are not employed by the State and who are not part of the PERS system, but who have experience in managing pension funds and private sector financial funds. The Council agree to remain neutral on this Bill.

Mr. Gilles discussed the status of SB51, the Main Street Program; SB93, abatement on aviation production and property tax abatement for data centers, which were heard with

no opposition and no votes taken; two development bills from the City of Henderson, SB47 and SB66; SB28 related to the collection of fees for public records requests; SB158 and SB168, regarding Collective Bargaining; and AB54, related to local governments in severe financial emergencies and concerns about how the mechanics of the Bill would suspend Collective Bargaining agreements during a state of severe financial emergency.

Discussion ensued regarding the development of a Bill tracking spreadsheet by staff.

Council Member McKenzie discussed the proposed abatement Bill, and the need to provide local governments with the ability to have a say in their local taxes and abatements. He questioned whether the property tax abatement would be approved at County or State level.

Council Member Brekhus requested information on any Bills regarding the depreciation factor for residential and non-residential properties, and City Manager Clinger noted that a local government working group had been working on the issue.

Council Member Jardon requested information regarding any Bills regarding pedestrian safety and punishment inequities for people who leave the scene of an accident.

Council Member Brekhus requested information on the Bill related to gray water for single family residences.

Tom Dunn, 390 Kirman Avenue, Vice President of the International Associate of Fire Fighters (IAFF), Local #731, and Mike Pilcher, representing the IAFF Local #731, discussed the chemicals to which firefighters are exposed, and discussion ensued regarding insurance issues and SB153 and AB182.

The Council Members discussed taking an initial position on SB153 while it's fiscal affects on the City's overall health care provisions are examined; and the legality of taking a neutral position on the Bill.

It was moved by Council Member McKenzie, seconded by Council Member Duerr to oppose SB153 in its current format, and advise the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee that the City is still trying to determine the financial implications this legislation would have on the City of Reno if it passed in that format.

Staff was directed to prepare analyses regarding the fiscal impacts of the Bill on the City and what impacts taking a position of neutrality would have on the City's Collective Bargaining agreement.

Motion carried.

The Council Members requested that staff return at the next meeting with information regarding the \$2 Capital Projects Surcharge, the proposed restructuring of the Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority Governing Board, and the possibility of receiving a report from the Nevada Resort Association (NRA).

Council Member Duerr and Mr. Dunn discussed AB182.

Motion: Motion

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Paul McKenzie, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Naomi Duerr, Councilmember
AYES:	Schieve, Brekhus, Duerr, Delgado, McKenzie, Jardon, Bobzien

7 Public Comment

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

8 Adjournment (For Possible Action)

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:50 P.M.